



# SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

It all started just like this . . .

It was a beautiful, sunny spring day. Well, to be exact, it was the very first day of **spring**. The sky in New Mouse City was crystal clear, and the smell of *flowers* filled the air. I sniffed the air and smiled. Spring had officially **SPRUNG!**

Don't you just love spring? I do! I listened to the birds **CHIRPING** outside my window. **Sunshine** warmed my back, and the smell of cherry blossoms filled my office. I tried to do some work but . . .





Oh, how rude! I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Geronimo Stilton. I run *The Rodent's Gazette*, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island.

Anyway, where was I? Oh, yes — I was having a little trouble concentrating, due to the **SUN**, and the *flowers*, and the birds, and . . . Well, you get the idea.

Right then the door to my office burst open.

“Uncle!” a little mouse shrieked with delight.

It was my dear nephew Benjamin. He gave me a **hug**.

“Can I have dinner at your house tonight?”

he asked.

“Great idea,” I replied with a **smile**.

“How about we have a **PIZZA** party with the



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whole family? We can **CELEBRATE** the first day of **SPRING.**”

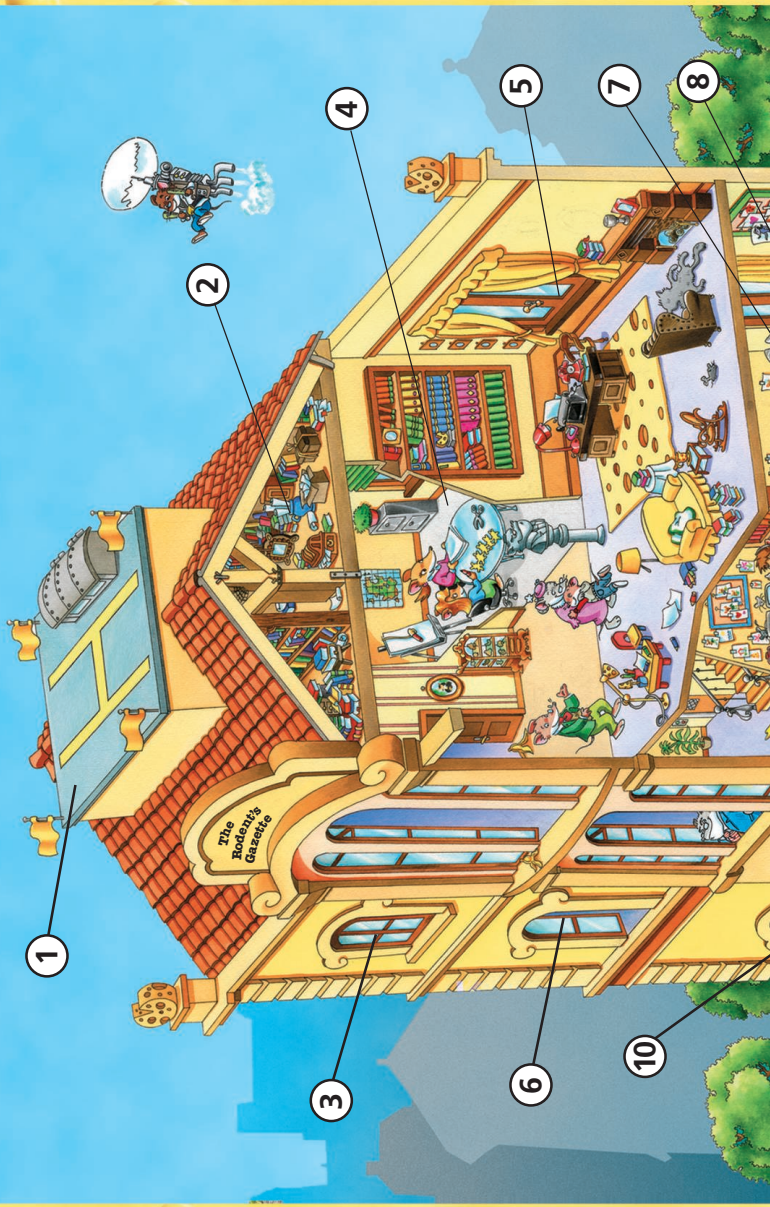




IT'S SPRINGTIME IN NEW MOUSE CITY!



*Here is the editorial office  
of The Rodent's Gazette.*





## The Rodent's Gazette

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Hi!

Sniff!

How beautiful!

Is the boss in?

What a lovely smell!

They're beautiful!

Smile!

Ahh, love!  
Isn't it great?!



# INSIDE THE RODENT'S GAZETTE

Every mouse has a story!

I'm daydreaming...

Look at the flowers!

Hey, Ger!

Whistle whistle

They're for you! Thanks!

It's spring...

Check out these butterflies!

Wow!







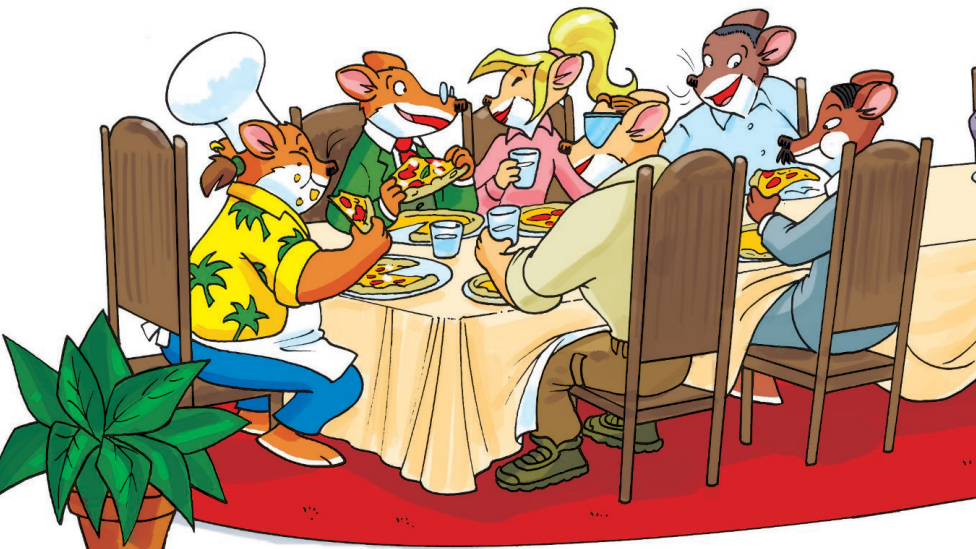
**GERONIMO STILTON'S HOUSE**



# CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

That night the **Stilton family** gathered at my house. My sister, Thea, was there, my cousin Trap, Grandfather Shortpaws, Aunt Sweetfur . . .


Even *Petunia Pretty Paws* came with her brother, **WOLFGANG**. Too bad Petunia also brought along her **pesky** niece, Bugsy Wugsy. I made sure Bugsy sat **far** away from me.



CHOMP! CHOMP!



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My cousin Trap made all kinds of **pizzas**: some with just **TOMATO SAUCE**, some with **PEPPERONI**, some with **mushrooms**, some with different types of **cheese**, and even some with **HAM** and **pineapple**. 

I ate so many slices I lost count!

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

My belly got rounder and rounder, but I couldn't stop. The pizza was so **DELICIOUS!**

Finally, everyone finished eating and left. I ate one more slice. Then I waddled off to bed.

